Overall Results
- In 2017, the average score of eighth-grade students in Hawaii was 261. This was lower than the average score of 265 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Hawaii in 2017 (261) was higher than their average score in 2015 (257) and in 1998 (249).
- The percentage of students in Hawaii who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 30 percent in 2017. This percentage was greater than that in 2015 (26 percent) and in 1998 (19 percent).
- The percentage of students in Hawaii who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 72 percent in 2017. This percentage was greater than that in 2015 (68 percent) and in 1998 (59 percent).

Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results

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* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from state's results in 2017. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.

Compare the Average Score in 2017 to Other States/Jurisdictions

In 2017, the average score in Hawaii (261) was
- lower than those in 34 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 6 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 11 states/jurisdictions

DoDEA = Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools)

Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)

Score Gaps for Student Groups
- Data are not reported for Black students in 2017, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2017, Hispanic students had an average score that was 6 points not significantly different from that for White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 1998, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2017, female students in Hawaii had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 15 points.
- In 2017, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 20 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (16 points).

NOTE: The NAEP reading scale ranges from 0 to 500. Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages. Read more about how to interpret NAEP results from the reading assessment at https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/reading/interpret_results.aspx.